

A Statute Comparison of K-12 and College

| K-12 IDEA | K-12 Section 504 | College Section 504 and ADA |
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| The district is responsible for the student's academic success. | There is no guarantee of academic success. | The student responsible for his own academic success. |
| The district identifies a student's disability. | The district identifies a student's disability, with documentation from the parent. | The student provides documentation of his disability and need for accommodations. |
| The district is responsible for the cost of an eligibility evaluation. | The district is not responsible for the cost of an eligibility evaluation. | The student is responsible for any costs associated with any necessary eligibility evaluation. |
| The IEP Team develops the student's individualized education plan and accommodations. | The 504 Committee develops the student's Individual Accommodation Plan. | The student identifies accommodations needed and works with the college to ensure that appropriate accommodations are provided. |
| The student is entitled to FAPE and services identified in IEP. | The student is entitled to FAPE and services determined in the 504 Plan. | The student is not automatically entitled to services. Each college or university decides eligibility and services. |
| The district is responsible for seeing that the IEP is implemented. | The district is responsible for seeing that the 504 Plan is implemented. | The student is responsible for seeing that he receives services for which he is eligible. |
| The parent is the advocate. | The parent is the advocate. | The student advocates for himself or may obtain an advocate, unless a guardian is assigned. |
| Modifications that alter the design of content or the measure of an assessment are permitted as identified on the student's IEP. | Accommodations cannot fundamentally alter the nature of a program. | Accommodations may not alter the fundamental nature of course or impose an undue burden on institution. |
| Districts receive federal funding to provide services. | Districts do not receive federal funding to provide services. | Colleges and universities do not receive federal funding to provide services. |